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IN RE APPLICATION OF

AYERS ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/944,803

FILED: AUGUST 31, 2001

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING PRODUCT SALES DATA
FOR EXTERNAL REPORTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed March 21, 2002 with regard to the the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated October 5, 2001 which had a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 5, 2001. Applicants now submit substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

The response and the Notice to File Missing Parts was submitted on February 26, 2002 with a petition and authorization to pay the fee for a 3 month extension of time. Applicant herewith submits a petition and authorization to charge the fee for a 4th month extension to charge account No. 19-0134.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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Respectfully submitted,



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